# Illinois Commerce Commission Pipeline Safety Pipeline Safety Report

Inspection #: 2014-P-00492

Operator: NORTH SHORE GAS CO	Operator ID#: 13660				
Exit Meeting Contact: Tom Webb	Total Man Days: 0.5				
Pipeline Safety Representative(s): Steve Canestrini					
Company Representative to Receive Report: Amy Kenny, Tom Webb	Emailed Date:				
Company Representative's Email Address: ALKenny@peoplesgasdelivery.com, TJWebb@peoplesgasdelivery.com	01/21/2015				

### **Inspection Summary**

Inspection Type	Location	ICC Analyst	Inspection Unit(s)	Man Day(s)	Inspection Date(s)	Contact(s)
Damage Prevention Activities	Libertyville	Steve Canestrini	Mundelein	0.5	9/23/2014 (Half)	Tom Webb

### **Statement of Activities**

On September 23, 2014, Staff from the Damage Prevention Department received a complaint about excavation activities being performed by Land Services Inc, (LSI), a contractor hired by Kinder Morgan Pipelines, near the intersection of Peterson and Harris Roads, in Libertyville. Staff investigated the complaint shortly after receiving the notice. Staff confirmed excavation on the South side of Peterson Rd, along the 4" distribution line being supported with wood sticks and duct tape. In addition, Staff also discovered damage to an 8" 250 PSIG line on the North side of Peterson Rd, which also belonged to North Shore Gas. A section of the pipe had already been replaced. However, additional damage was discovered which will require further repairs. At this time, it is undetermined who caused the damage. However, by observing the damage, it appeared to have occurred recently. Staff asked the foreman for LSI if they have a valid excavation request for this site. The foreman could not produce a copy of a valid request. At this time, excavation activities ceased. It was later verified the excavation request for this site had expired on September 21, 2014.

Staff also requested information from North Shore Gas pertaining to the Watch & Protect activities for this location as the 8" main on the North side of Peterson Rd is considered a critical location.

On December 9, 2014, Staff received the Root Cause Analysis completed by North Shore Gas. In the analysis, North Shore Gas' current process, if critical facilities were within the buffer zone of excavation, the locator was to inform the excavator of their existence, and to have the excavator contact either USIC, or North Shore Gas when they were going to excavate near the facilities.

From North Shore Gas' analysis, they could not verify if this action took place. Going forward, North Shore Gas is revising their process to move the responsibility away from the excavator to notify the company, to the person performing the locate request. As part of the investigation process, Staff reviewed North Shore Gas' procedure, General Order 2.070, Procedure and Policies for the Prevention of Damage to Underground Gas Company Facilities, Staff is finding this procedure, under Section IV Damage Prevention, part D, Proposed Excavation Near Critical Facilities to be deficient. It's is Staff's opinion this section does not contain sufficient information to provide personnel with the basic information necessary to perform the task. Staff is recommending North Shore Gas review this procedure, and update the procedure to include the necessary information required to perform the tasks.

#### **Exit Statement**

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### Issues(s) Found:

[NO ISSUES FOUND]

## Notice Of Amendment(s) Found:

**2014-A001-00156** (Code Part [192.605(b)(1)]) - Staff reviewed North Shore Gas root cause analysis, along with General Order 2.070, Procedures and Policies for the Prevention of Damage to Underground Gas Company Facilities, as it pertained to damage incurred from a third party contractor performing excavation activities near a North Shore Gas critical facility. North Shore Gas identified in their current process, the responsibility to notify the company about excavation near a critical facility was placed upon the excavator performing the work. They have now revised this process to place this responsibility on the person performing the locate request. Staff reviewed North Shore Gas procedure mentioned above. Staff is finding this procedure, under Section IV Damage Prevention, part D, Proposed Excavation Near Critical Facilities to be deficient. It's is Staff's opinion this section does not contain sufficient information to provide personnel with the basic information necessary to perform the task. Staff is recommending North Shore Gas review this procedure, and update the procedure to include the necessary information required to perform the tasks.

## Notice Of Violation(s) Found:

[NO NOPVS FOUND]

# **PAST INSPECTION FINDINGS**

Issue(s) Corrected:

[NO ISSUES CORRECTED]

Notice Of Amendment(s) Corrected:

[NO NOAS CORRECTED]

Notice of Violations(s) Corrected:

[NO NOPVS CORRECTED]